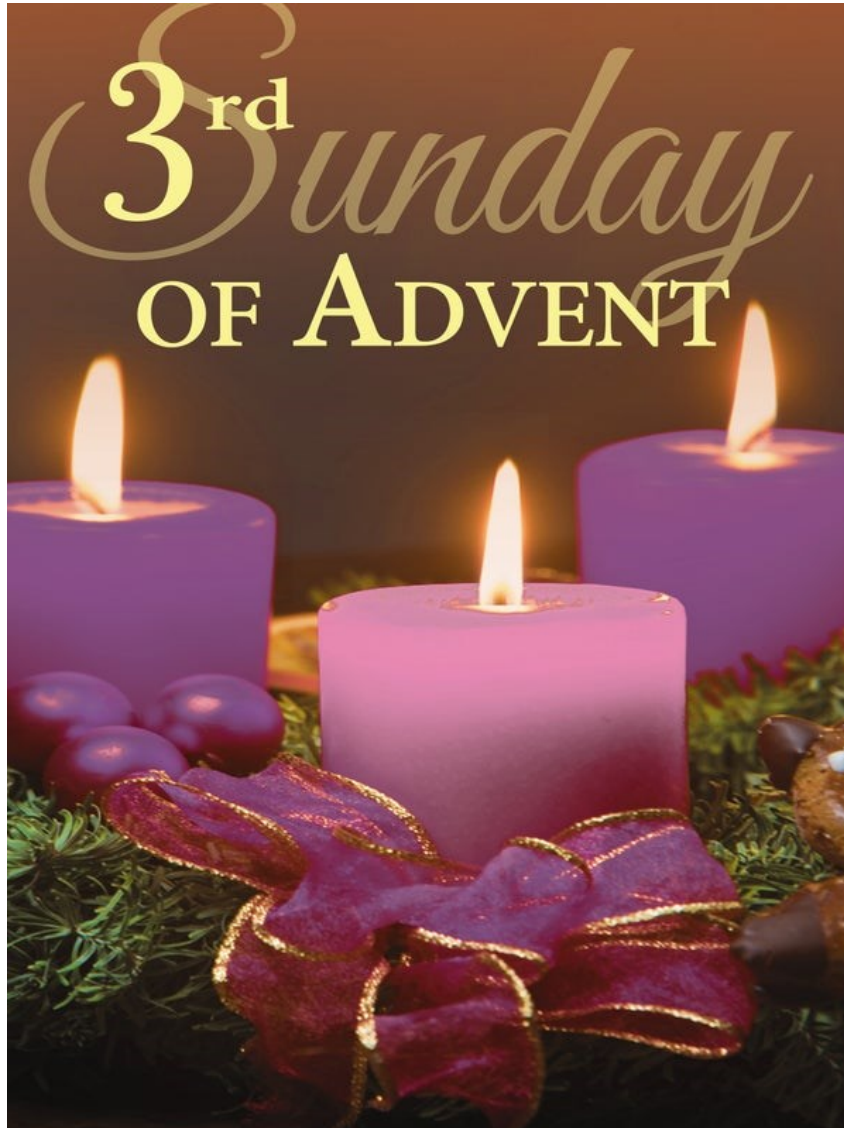


Saint John Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan

December 12, 2021—Third Sunday of Advent
12 de diciembre de 2021 – Tercer Domingo de Adviento



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday5:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Daily Masses: ..Wednesday 12:00 p.m.
 .. Thursday 8:30 a.m.
CONFESSIONS (Saturday)..... 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

HORARIO LITURGICO

Domingo.....12:30 p.m (Español)
Misa Diaria: ... Miércoles 12:00 del medio día
 .. Jueves 8:30 a.m.
CONFESSIONES (Sábado) 4:30 p.m. o por cita

HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 12 NOON

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St John Parish Calendar

SATURDAY December 11, 2021
4:30 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM Mass for soul Judy Lewis

SUNDAY December 12, 2021
9:00 AM Mass soul of Benjamin Young
12:30 PM Misa
1:30 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
In Social Hall
3:30 PM Christmas Concert

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15, 2021
Noon Twila Campbell

THURSDAY DECEMBER 16, 2021
8:30 AM Mass souls of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Adams

SATURDAY DECEMBER 18, 2021
4:30 Reconciliation
5:30 PM Mass all parishioners St John, St Peter & St Patrick

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19, 2021
9:00 AM Mass—soul of Bill Draper
12:30PM Misa Hidalgo Garcia Pinacho

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON

Readings for the week of December 12, 2021
 Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/
Lk 3:10-18
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,
8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19
and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10,
11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and
13b [2a]/ Lk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf.
7]/ Mt 1:1-17
 Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/
Mt 1:18-25
 Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/
Heb 10:5-10 /Lk 1:39-4

DONATION REQUEST FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER FOR FISH IS

ADULT SOCKS

DONACIONES PARA FISH ESTE MES DICIEMBRE

MEDIAS PARA ADULTOS

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Helen Rice, John & Jolene White, Junie Kirby, Maxine Di-Marino, Wayne Ewing, Jeff Kenschack, Mary Higgins, Elena Chavez. John & Peggy Smith, Stanhope Flournoy, Betty Yingst, Paul Greene, Virginia Johnson, Frank Haselton, Leonora Gray, Leslie Gray, Ann Gillikin, Melissa Harrington, Chris Jones, Carl Saunders, Hallett Harrison, Joseph Di Marino, Mike Elrod, Theresa & Johnny Mosely

If someone you know is sick, hospitalized or home bound and would like our Eucharistic minister or a priest to visit, please call the office. Unless you call we have no way of knowing. If you need a priest for someone who is dying of gravely ill, call our emergency number 804-402-1221.

**Fully Vaccinated
NO MASK
Unvaccinated
MUST WEAR MASK**

Our annual Christmas Concert will be held on December 12th, 2021 at THE NEW TIME of 3:30pm in the sanctuary of St. John's Catholic Church. All are invited to attend! Please bring a donation of non-perishable foods, personal hygiene goods, or new baby items. Questions? Please email Katie (musicministerkate@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 4 & 5, 2021

Weekly		Year to date
Actual	\$6,700.01	Actual \$106,445.76
Budget	<u>\$4,135.00</u>	Budget <u>\$ 95,105.00</u>
	\$2,565.01	\$ 11,340.76

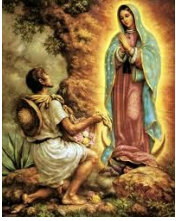
MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30	9:00	12:30
49	109	160

All Totals include weekly collection and e-giving



From the Administrator's Desk



Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast which is always celebrated by the Americas falls on 12th December and goes back to the 16th Century.

Juan Diego was a 51-year-old widower who lived in a small village near Mexico City. One Saturday morning on December 9, 1531, he was on his way walking by a hill called **Tepeyac** to attend mass in honor of our Lady, when he saw a radiant cloud appearing, and within it a young native American maiden was dressed like an Aztec princess who spoke to him in his own native language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico City, a Franciscan, to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared. This is what she said to Diego; **"My dearest son, I am the eternal Virgin Mary Mother of the true God, Author of Life, Creator of all and Lord of the Heavens and of the Earth...and it is my desire that a church be built here in this place for me, where, as your most merciful Mother and that of all your people, may show my loving clemency and the compassion that I bear to those who love and seek me."**

The bishop eventually asked Diego to have the Lady give him a sign. At the same time, Diego's uncle became seriously ill. The Lady assured him that his uncle would recover and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma. When Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground and the bishop sank to his knees. On Juan Diego's tilma appeared an image of Mary, exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac, it was December 12.

Mary's appearance to Juan Diego is a powerful reminder that Mary and the God who sent her, accept all peoples. Since then, it has become a very important Feast celebrated on the 12th day of December by the church especially in the Americas.

This is why the Hispanic Community in the St. John Church is Climaxing the celebration today with a procession of the image of the Our Lady of Guadalupe, before and after Mass so as to ask for abundant blessings and protection from the Lord.

Let us all join in the celebration,
Happy Feast.
Fr. Maxwell.

The Busy Bees Craft and Bake sale is on Dec. 4 & 5 and Dec. 11 & 12. Come shop for rosaries, stove towels, ornaments, pot holders, and lots of baked goods.



CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

- 12/12/2021 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT 3:30 PM**
- 12/24/2021 CHRISTMAS EVE 6:00 PM - English
8:00 PM - Spanish
MIDNIGHT MASS - English**
- 12/25/2021 CHRISTMAS DAY—9:00 AM - English**
- 12/26/2021 REGULAR SCHEDULE
9AM - English & 12:30 PM - Spanish**
- JANUARY 1, 2022 REGULAR SCHEDULE 5:30 PM**
- JANUARY 2, 2022 REGULAR SCHEDULE
9AM - English & 12:30 PM - Spanish**

Baby Essentials Drive

Please don't forget that we are collecting baby items to benefit the **East End Pregnancy Center**. Bring diapers, (especially new born) and size 4, 5, & 6, baby wipes, baby blankets, and clothes for newborn babies. We Will be accepting your donations in the common area near to Our Lady of Guadalupe until next week. Thank you for your help with this annual project.

Saint John depends upon your generosity. These walls, built by generations past, now need you to nurture them. Give what you can. No amount is too small. **E-Giving** makes it easy. Visit www.stjohnscatholicchurch.org and click on the logo.

CONDOLENCES

Saint John family extends deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Miskimon on the loss of her husband and our long time parishioner Otts. Also we extend sympathy to parishioners Greg and Roseann Fletcher on the loss of their daughter Sara. Sympathy is also extended to the family and friends of long time parishioner JoAnn Darlington who died this past week. Please keep all these families in your prayers.

Choose a special holiday gift or birthday gift for someone who has everything: Consider a year's membership in the SJP 500 Club. Profits go to St. John's. Join now! Applications are near the front door on the wall shelf. Or call Diana Young (804) 647-5665.